

Remarks

Claims 1 to 22 are in the case. Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 have been amended.

Applicants note that the Examiner has found claims 1 to 22 allowable subject to correction of numerous typographical errors and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the numerous typographical errors in the specification and claims. Applicants have submitted a substitute specification (one marked and one clean) to correct most of these errors. In addition, Applicants have corrected the claim issues raised by the Examiner.

Applicants would like to point out to the Examiner that the chemical formulae in the examples including the superscripts are correct and therefore have not been amended. For example, in Example 1 the formula is: $M^{Vi3}_{0.21}T^{Ph}_{0.79}$. This is a well known method of describing different kinds of units of a silicone resin. For example M units are $R_3SiO_{1/2}$ groups and T units are $RSiO_{3/2}$ groups. Therefore $M^{Vi3}_{0.21}T^{Ph}_{0.79}$ is a silicone resin made up of $(Vi_3SiO_{1/2})_{0.21}(PhSiO_{3/2})_{0.79}$ where Vi is vinyl and Ph is phenyl. M, D, T and Q units are described for example in paragraphs [0010], [0017] and [0020].

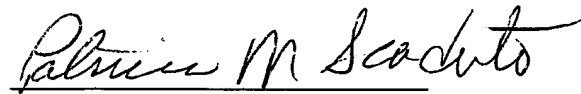
For the above reasons, the Applicants believe that the application is in form for allowance.

Therefore, the Applicants request that the objections and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn and the claims allowed to issue.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action. Although the Applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

Respectfully Submitted,

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